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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing and ending homelessness in the state
2 of Washington; amending RCW 36.22.178, 36.18.010, 43.185B.005, and
3 43.185B.009; adding a new section to chapter 36.22 RCW; adding a new
4 chapter to Title 43 RCW; and providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Despite laudable efforts by all levels of
7 government, private individuals, nonprofit organizations, and
8 charitable foundations to end homelessness, the number of homeless
9 persons in Washington is unacceptably high. The state's homeless
10 population, furthermore, includes a large number of families with
11 children, youth, and employed persons. The legislature finds that the
12 fiscal and societal costs of homelessness are high for both the public
13 and private sectors, and that ending homelessness should be a goal for
14 state and local government.

15 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
16 including a shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
17 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
18 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from

1 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
2 domestic violence; and a lack of education and job skills necessary to
3 acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first century.

4 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
5 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
6 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
7 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
8 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
9 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting, and
10 monitoring role. There must be a clear assignment of responsibilities
11 and a clear statement of achievable and quantifiable goals. Systematic
12 statewide data collection on homelessness in Washington must be a
13 critical component of such a program enabling the state to work with
14 local governments to count homeless persons and assist them in finding
15 housing.

16 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
17 a search for and implementation through adequate resource allocation of
18 best practices, and the systematic measurement of progress toward
19 interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending homelessness are all
20 necessary components of a statewide effort to end homelessness in
21 Washington by July 1, 2015.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This chapter may be known and cited as the
23 homelessness housing and assistance act.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The definitions in this section apply
25 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

26 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
27 economic development.

28 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
29 trade, and economic development.

30 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual living without permanent
31 shelter, including an individual living outside, in an emergency
32 shelter, or in a temporary housing program which may include a
33 transitional and supportive housing program if habitation time limits
34 exist.

35 (4) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide census
36 conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities, counties,

1 community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the technical
2 support and coordination of the department, to count and collect data
3 on all homeless individuals in Washington.

4 (5) "Homeless housing account" means the state treasury account
5 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources
6 established by section 9 of this act.

7 (6) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by which
8 competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing moneys from
9 the homeless housing account, to local governments for programs
10 directly related to housing homeless individuals and families,
11 addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness,
12 collecting data on homeless individuals, and other efforts directly
13 related to housing homeless persons.

14 (7) "Local government" means a county government in the state of
15 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
16 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
17 homeless persons within its borders.

18 (8) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals along
19 a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
20 homeownership at the other.

21 (9) "Local homeless housing advisory council" means a voluntary
22 local committee created to advise a local government on the creation of
23 a local homeless housing strategic plan and participate in a local
24 homeless housing program. It must include at least one homeless or
25 formerly homeless person, and if feasible, a representative of a
26 private nonprofit organization with experience in low-income housing.

27 (10) "Long-term private or public housing" and "permanent shelter"
28 mean subsidized and unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in
29 which there is no established time limit for habitation of less than
30 two years.

31 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
32 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, the director of
33 the department; the secretary of the department of corrections; the
34 secretary of the department of social and health services; the director
35 of the department of veterans affairs; and the secretary of the
36 department of health.

37 (12) "Homeless population" means, at the time of the first
38 statewide homeless census, the number of persons living without housing

1 or in temporary shelters, and after that time it shall mean the number
2 living without housing, including those who have refused a bona fide
3 offer of housing under the local homeless housing plan, or in temporary
4 shelter as of that later date plus the number who have successfully
5 secured and remain in transitional or permanent housing under the local
6 plan since the date of the first homeless census, or having secured
7 such housing, have moved out of the local area.

8 (13) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
9 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

10 (14) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
11 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

12 (15) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations
13 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

14 (16) "Homeless housing program" means the program authorized under
15 this chapter as administered by the department at the state level and
16 by the local government or its designated subcontractor at the local
17 level.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** There is created within the department the
19 homeless housing program to develop and coordinate a statewide
20 strategic plan aimed at housing homeless persons. The program shall be
21 developed and administered by the department with advice and input from
22 the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall annually conduct a
24 Washington homeless census or count consistent with the requirements of
25 RCW 43.63A.655. The census shall make every effort to count all
26 homeless individuals living outdoors, in shelters, and in transitional
27 housing, coordinated, when reasonably feasible, with already existing
28 homeless census projects including those funded in part by the United
29 States department of housing and urban development under the McKinney-
30 Vento homeless assistance program. The department shall determine, in
31 consultation with local governments, the data to be collected.

32 All personal information collected in the census is confidential,
33 and the department and each local government shall take all necessary
34 steps to protect the identity and confidentiality of each person
35 counted.

1 The department and each local government are prohibited from
2 disclosing any personally identifying information about any homeless
3 individual when there is reason to believe or evidence indicating that
4 the homeless individual is an adult or minor victim of domestic
5 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or is the parent
6 or guardian of a child victim of domestic violence, dating violence,
7 sexual assault, or stalking; or revealing other confidential
8 information regarding HIV/AIDS status, as found in RCW 70.24.105. The
9 department and each local government shall not ask any homeless housing
10 provider to disclose personally identifying information about any
11 homeless individuals when the providers implementing those programs
12 have reason to believe or evidence indicating that those clients are
13 adult or minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
14 assault, or stalking or are the parents or guardians of child victims
15 of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
16 Summary data for the provider's facility or program may be substituted.

17 The Washington homeless census shall be conducted annually on a
18 schedule created by the department. The department shall make summary
19 data by county available to the public each year. This data, and its
20 analysis, shall be included in the department's annual updated homeless
21 housing program strategic plan.

22 Based on the annual census and provider information from the local
23 government plans, the department shall, by the end of year four,
24 implement an online information and referral system to enable local
25 governments and providers to identify available housing for a homeless
26 person. The department shall work with local governments and their
27 providers to develop a capacity for continuous case management to
28 assist homeless persons.

29 By the end of year four, the department shall implement an
30 organizational quality management system.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Six months after the first Washington
32 homeless census, the department shall, in consultation with the
33 interagency council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory
34 board, prepare and publish a ten-year homeless housing program
35 strategic plan which shall outline statewide goals and performance
36 measures and shall be coordinated with the plan for homeless families
37 with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. Local governments' ten-

1 year homeless housing strategic plans shall not be substantially
2 inconsistent with the goals and program recommendations of the state
3 plan.

4 Program outcomes and performance measures and goals shall be
5 created by the department and reflected in the department's homeless
6 housing strategic plan as well as interim goals against which state and
7 local governments' performance may be measured, including:

8 (1) By the end of year one, completion of the first census as
9 described in section 5 of this act;

10 (2) By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all local
11 programs which are measurable and the achievement of which would move
12 that community toward housing its homeless population; and

13 (3) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population statewide
14 and in each county by fifty percent.

15 The department shall report annually to the governor and the
16 appropriate committees of the legislature an assessment of its
17 performance in addressing the statewide homeless problem, and the
18 performance of each participating local government in creating and
19 executing a local homeless housing plan which meets the requirements of
20 this chapter. Based on the performance of local homeless housing
21 programs in meeting their interim goals, on general population changes
22 and on changes in the homeless population recorded in the annual
23 census, the department may revise the performance measures and goals of
24 the state plan, set goals for years following the initial ten-year
25 period, and recommend changes in local governments' plans.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Each local government shall create a local
27 homeless housing advisory council consisting of representatives from
28 the community and stakeholder groups, including one or more homeless or
29 formerly homeless individuals.

30 In lieu of creating a new local homeless housing advisory council,
31 a local government may designate an existing governmental or nonprofit
32 body which substantially conforms to this section and which includes at
33 least one homeless or recently homeless individual.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) Each local government or its
35 subcontractor shall prepare a ten-year homeless housing plan for its
36 jurisdictional area which shall be not inconsistent with the

1 department's statewide ten-year plan and which shall be aimed at
2 eliminating homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness
3 by fifty percent by July 1, 2015. Performance in meeting the goals of
4 this local plan shall be assessed annually in terms of the performance
5 measures published by the department. Local plans may include specific
6 local performance measures adopted by the local government legislative
7 authority, and may include recommendations for any state legislation
8 needed to meet the state or local plan goals.

9 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:

10 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
11 persons;

12 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
13 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in
14 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
15 homelessness;

16 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
17 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;

18 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
19 prevention programs including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
20 homelessness;

21 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
22 and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or remaining
23 homeless;

24 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;

25 (g) Development and management of local homeless plans including
26 homeless census data collection; identification of goals, performance
27 measures, strategies, and costs and evaluation of progress towards
28 established goals;

29 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
30 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in immediate
31 danger of becoming homeless; and

32 (i) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
33 identified for funding in the local plan.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 36.22 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
37 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional

1 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
2 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
3 allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
4 distributed and used as follows:

5 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
6 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county, six
7 percent of which may be used by the county for administrative costs
8 related to its homeless housing plan, and the remainder for programs
9 which directly accomplish the goals of the county's strategic plan to
10 end homelessness, except that for each city in the county which elects
11 as authorized in section 12 of this act to operate its own homeless
12 housing program, the surcharge assessed under this section and paid in
13 connection with transactions in that city shall be transmitted at least
14 quarterly to the city treasurer, without any deduction for county
15 administrative costs, for use by the city for program costs which
16 directly contribute to the goals of the city's strategic plan to end
17 homelessness; of the funds received by the city, it may use six percent
18 for administrative costs for its homeless housing program.

19 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
20 treasurer for deposit in the homeless housing account. The department
21 may use twelve and one-half percent of this amount for administration
22 of the program established in section 4 of this act, including the
23 costs of creating the statewide plan, measuring performance, providing
24 technical assistance to local governments, and managing the homeless
25 housing grant program. The remaining eighty-seven and one-half percent
26 is to be distributed by the department to local governments through the
27 homeless housing grant program.

28 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
29 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The homeless housing account is created in
31 the custody of the state treasurer. The state's portion of the
32 surcharge established in section 9 of this act must be deposited in the
33 account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
34 homeless housing program as described in this chapter. Only the
35 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the
36 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter
37 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) During each calendar year in which
2 moneys from the homeless housing account are available for use by the
3 department for the homeless housing grant program, the department shall
4 announce to all Washington counties, participating cities, and through
5 major media throughout the state, a grant application period of at
6 least ninety days' duration. This announcement will be made as often
7 as the director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources.
8 The department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
9 utilize available funds, less appropriate administrative costs of the
10 department as described in section 9 of this act.

11 (2) The department will develop, with advice and input from the
12 affordable housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020,
13 criteria to evaluate grant applications.

14 (3) The department may approve applications only if they are
15 consistent with the local and state homeless housing program strategic
16 plans. The department may give preference to applications based on
17 some or all of the following criteria:

18 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
19 service area, as reported by the most recent annual Washington homeless
20 census;

21 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
22 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
23 section 1 of this act;

24 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
25 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
26 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
27 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
28 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
29 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
30 sources such as professional, craft and trade services, and lender
31 interest rate subsidies;

32 (d) Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve
33 homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty-five
34 years;

35 (e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with
36 the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs
37 populations;

1 (f) The degree to which the applicant project represents a
2 collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based
3 organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector,
4 especially through its integration with the coordinated and
5 comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under
6 RCW 43.63A.650;

7 (g) The cooperation of the local government in the annual
8 Washington homeless census project;

9 (h) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting
10 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to
11 employ a diverse work force;

12 (i) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is
13 disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter, RCW
14 36.22.178, and section 9 of this act; and

15 (j) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly related to
16 the goal and the department's state strategic plan.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) Only a local government is eligible to
18 receive a homeless housing grant from the homeless housing account.
19 Any city may assert responsibility for homeless housing within its
20 borders if it so chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative
21 authority of the county stating its intention and its commitment to
22 operate a separate homeless housing program. The city shall then
23 receive the county's portion of the funds attributable to document
24 recordings involving transactions within the city. A participating
25 city may also then apply separately for homeless housing program
26 grants. A city choosing to operate a separate homeless housing program
27 shall be responsible for complying with all of the same requirements as
28 counties.

29 (2) Local governments applying for homeless housing funds may
30 subcontract with any other local government, housing authority,
31 community action agency or other nonprofit organization for the
32 execution of programs contributing to the overall goal of ending
33 homelessness within a defined service area. All subcontracts shall be
34 consistent with the local homeless housing plan adopted by the
35 legislative authority of the local government, time limited, and filed
36 with the department and shall have specific performance terms. As an
37 alternative to a separate plan, two or more local governments may work

1 in concert to develop and execute a joint homeless housing strategic
2 plan, or to contract with another entity to do so. While a local
3 government has the authority to subcontract with other entities, the
4 local government continues to maintain the ultimate responsibility for
5 the homeless housing program within its borders.

6 (3) A county may decline to participate in the program authorized
7 in this act by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by the
8 county legislative authority stating the intention not to participate.
9 A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the county
10 auditor and treasurer. If such a resolution is adopted, all of the
11 funds otherwise due to the county under section 10 of this act shall be
12 remitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in the homeless
13 housing account, without any reduction by the county for collecting or
14 administering the funds. Upon receipt of the resolution, the
15 department shall promptly begin to identify and contract with one or
16 more entities eligible under this section to create and execute a local
17 plan for the county meeting the requirements of this act. The
18 department shall expend all of the funds received from the county under
19 this subsection to carry out the purposes of this act in the county,
20 provided that the department may retain six percent of these funds to
21 offset the cost of managing the county's program.

22 (4) A resolution by the county declining to participate in the
23 program shall have no effect on the ability of each city in the county
24 to assert its right to manage its own program under this act, and the
25 county shall monthly transmit to the city the funds due under this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The department shall allocate grant moneys
27 from the homeless housing account to finance in whole or in part
28 programs and projects in approved local government plans to assist
29 homeless individuals and families gain access to adequate housing,
30 prevent at-risk individuals from becoming homeless, address the root
31 causes of homelessness, track and report on homeless-related data, and
32 facilitate the movement of homeless or formerly homeless individuals
33 along the housing continuum toward more stable and independent housing.
34 The department may issue criteria or guidelines to guide local
35 governments in the application process.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The department shall develop a consistent
2 statewide data gathering instrument to monitor the performance of grant
3 recipients in order to determine compliance with the terms and
4 conditions set forth in the grant application or required by the
5 department.

6 The affordable housing advisory board shall annually publish an
7 evaluation of the performance of the department and each local
8 government toward meeting its goals under the local and statewide
9 plans, including an assessment of the following performance measures:

10 (1) The reduction in homelessness from the initial count, and the
11 reduction in persons turned away without a housing placement;

12 (2) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;

13 (3) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing
14 continuum;

15 (4) The ability to successfully collect data and report
16 performance;

17 (5) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public
18 bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community
19 support and participation;

20 (6) The quality and safety of housing provided; and

21 (7) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their
22 satisfaction with the program.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** The department shall provide technical
24 assistance to any participating local government that requests such
25 assistance. Technical assistance activities may include:

26 (1) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate parties to
27 participate on local homeless housing advisory councils;

28 (2) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate service
29 providers with which the local governments may subcontract for service
30 provision and development activities, when necessary;

31 (3) Assisting local governments to implement or expand homeless
32 census programs to meet homeless housing program requirements;

33 (4) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
34 areas;

35 (5) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
36 specific projects; and

37 (6) Training local government and subcontractor staff.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** The department shall establish a uniform
2 process for participating local governments to report progress toward
3 reducing homelessness and meeting locally established goals.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The department may adopt such rules as may
5 be necessary to effect the purposes of this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** The department shall ensure that the
7 state's interest is protected upon the development, use, sale, or
8 change of use of projects constructed, acquired, or financed in whole
9 or in part through the homeless housing grant program. These policies
10 may include, but are not limited to: (1) Requiring a share of the
11 appreciation in the project in proportion to the state's contribution
12 to the project, or (2) requiring a lump sum repayment of the grant upon
13 the sale or change of use of the project.

14 **Sec. 19.** RCW 36.22.178 and 2002 c 294 s 2 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a
17 surcharge of ten dollars per instrument shall be charged by the county
18 auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any
19 other charge authorized by law. The (~~auditor~~) county may retain up
20 to five percent of these funds collected (~~to administer~~) solely for
21 the collection, administration, and local distribution of these funds.
22 Of the remaining funds, forty percent of the revenue generated through
23 this surcharge will be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer who
24 will deposit the funds into the Washington housing trust account. The
25 office of community development of the department of community, trade,
26 and economic development will develop guidelines for the use of these
27 funds to support building operation and maintenance costs of housing
28 projects or units within housing projects that are affordable to
29 extremely low-income persons with incomes at or below thirty percent of
30 the area median income, and that require a supplement to rent income to
31 cover ongoing operating expenses. (~~Sixty percent of the revenue~~) All
32 of the remaining funds generated by this surcharge will be retained by
33 the county and be deposited into a fund that must be used by the county
34 and its cities and towns for housing projects or units within housing
35 projects that are affordable to very low-income persons with incomes at

1 or below fifty percent of the area median income. The portion of the
2 surcharge retained by a county shall be allocated to very low-income
3 housing projects or units within such housing projects in the county
4 and the cities within a county according to an interlocal agreement
5 between the county and the cities within the county, consistent with
6 countywide and local housing needs and policies. The funds generated
7 with this surcharge shall not be used for construction of new housing
8 if at any time the vacancy rate for available low-income housing within
9 the county rises above ten percent. The vacancy rate for each county
10 shall be developed using the state low-income vacancy rate standard
11 developed under subsection (3) of this section. ((Permissible)) Uses
12 of these local funds are limited to:

13 (a) Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing
14 projects or units within housing projects that are affordable to very
15 low-income persons with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area
16 median income;

17 (b) Supporting building operation and maintenance costs of housing
18 projects or units within housing projects ((built with)) eligible to
19 receive housing trust funds, that are affordable to very low-income
20 persons with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median
21 income, and that require a supplement to rent income to cover ongoing
22 operating expenses;

23 (c) Rental assistance vouchers for housing projects or units within
24 housing projects that are affordable to very low-income persons with
25 incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income, to be
26 administered by a local public housing authority or other local
27 organization that has an existing rental assistance voucher program,
28 consistent with the United States department of housing and urban
29 development's section 8 rental assistance voucher program standards;
30 and

31 (d) Operating costs for emergency shelters and licensed overnight
32 youth shelters.

33 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
34 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

35 (3) The real estate research center at Washington State University
36 shall develop a vacancy rate standard for low-income housing in the
37 state as described in RCW 18.85.540(1)(i).

1 **Sec. 20.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2002 c 294 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
4 fees for their official services:

5 For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-half by
6 fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page eight
7 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
8 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
9 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required
10 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
11 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
12 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
13 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
14 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
15 transaction;

16 For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight and
17 one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each additional
18 page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

19 For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-half
20 by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

21 For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or without
22 seal, two dollars;

23 For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee includes
24 taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and transmittal
25 of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital statistics)
26 plus an additional five-dollar fee for use and support of the
27 prevention of child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted
28 monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund
29 plus an additional ten-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the
30 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The
31 legislature intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the
32 revenue generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced
33 homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

34 For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

35 For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery plats
36 for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one
37 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,
38 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

1 For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for the
2 first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars;
3 for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less,
4 one dollar;

5 For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
6 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170(~~(-)~~);

7 For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in RCW
8 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable recording
9 fees(~~(-)~~);

10 For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
11 36.22.178; and

12 For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in section 9 of
13 this act.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. The department of social and health
15 services shall exempt payments to individuals provided under this
16 chapter when determining eligibility for public assistance.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. This chapter does not require either the
18 department or any local government to expend any funds to accomplish
19 the goals of this chapter other than the revenues authorized in this
20 act. However, neither the department nor any local government may use
21 any funds authorized in this act to supplant or reduce any existing
22 expenditures of public money for the reduction or prevention of
23 homelessness or services for homeless persons.

24 **Sec. 23.** RCW 43.185B.005 and 1993 c 478 s 1 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The legislature finds that:

27 (a) Housing is of vital statewide importance to the health, safety,
28 and welfare of the residents of the state;

29 (b) Reducing homelessness and moving individuals and families
30 toward stable, affordable housing is of vital statewide importance;

31 (c) Safe, affordable housing is an essential factor in stabilizing
32 communities;

33 (~~(e)~~) (d) Residents must have a choice of housing opportunities
34 within the community where they choose to live;

- 1 ~~((d))~~ (e) Housing markets are linked to a healthy economy and can
2 contribute to the state's economy;
- 3 ~~((e))~~ (f) Land supply is a major contributor to the cost of
4 housing;
- 5 ~~((f))~~ (g) Housing must be an integral component of any
6 comprehensive community and economic development strategy;
- 7 ~~((g))~~ (h) State and local government must continue working
8 cooperatively toward the enhancement of increased housing units by
9 reviewing, updating, and removing conflicting regulatory language;
- 10 ~~((h))~~ (i) State and local government should work together in
11 developing creative ways to reduce the shortage of housing;
- 12 ~~((i))~~ (j) The lack of a coordinated state housing policy inhibits
13 the effective delivery of housing for some of the state's most
14 vulnerable citizens and those with limited incomes; and
- 15 ~~((j))~~ (k) It is in the public interest to adopt a statement of
16 housing policy objectives.
- 17 (2) The legislature declares that the purposes of the Washington
18 housing policy act are to:
- 19 (a) Provide policy direction to the public and private sectors in
20 their attempt to meet the shelter needs of Washington residents;
- 21 (b) Reevaluate housing and housing-related programs and policies in
22 order to ensure proper coordination of those programs and policies to
23 meet the housing needs of Washington residents;
- 24 (c) Improve the delivery of state services and assistance to very
25 low-income and low-income households and special needs populations;
- 26 (d) Strengthen partnerships among all levels of government, and the
27 public and private sectors, including for-profit and nonprofit
28 organizations, in the production and operation of housing to targeted
29 populations including low-income and moderate-income households;
- 30 (e) Increase the supply of housing for persons with special needs;
- 31 (f) Encourage collaborative planning with social service providers;
- 32 (g) Encourage financial institutions to increase residential
33 mortgage lending; and
- 34 (h) Coordinate housing into comprehensive community and economic
35 development strategies at the state and local level.

36 **Sec. 24.** RCW 43.185B.009 and 1993 c 478 s 3 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 The objectives of the Washington housing policy act shall be to
2 attain the state's goal of a decent home in a healthy, safe environment
3 for every resident of the state by strengthening public and private
4 institutions that are able to:

5 (1) Develop an adequate and affordable supply of housing for all
6 economic segments of the population, including the destitute;

7 (2) Identify and reduce the causal factors preventing the state
8 from reaching its goal;

9 (3) Assist very low-income and special needs households who cannot
10 obtain affordable, safe, and adequate housing in the private market;

11 ((+3)) (4) Encourage and maintain home ownership opportunities;

12 ((+4)) (5) Reduce life-cycle housing costs while preserving public
13 health and safety;

14 ((+5)) (6) Preserve the supply of existing affordable housing;

15 ((+6)) (7) Provide housing for special needs populations;

16 ((+7)) (8) Ensure fair and equal access to the housing market;

17 ((+8)) (9) Increase the availability of mortgage credit at low
18 interest rates; and

19 ((+9)) (10) Coordinate and be consistent with the goals,
20 objectives, and required housing element of the comprehensive plan in
21 the state's growth management act in RCW 36.70A.070.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. If any part of this act is found to be in
23 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
24 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
25 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
26 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
27 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
28 the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal
29 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
30 funds by the state.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. This act takes effect August 1, 2005.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. Sections 1 through 8, 10 through 18, 21,
33 22, 25, and 26 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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